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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES TO SEND
DELEGATION TO THE UDR PARTY CONGRESS

1. M. ALAIN PEYREFITTE, MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM
AND FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE GAULLIST POLITICAL MOVEMENT,
UNION DES DEMOCRATES POUR LA CINQUIEME REPUBLIQUE (UDR),
SENT ME COPIES OF LETTERS HE ADDRESSED TO REPUBLICAN AND
DEMOCRATIC PARTY NATIONAL CHAIRMEN, RESPECTIVELY MR. GEORGE
BUSH AND MR. ROBERT J. STRAUSS. THE LETTERS READ AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE THE NEXT NATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE UDR WILL TAKE PLACE
THE 16TH, 17TH AND 18 TH OF NOVEMBER IN NANTES. WE WOULD
BE VERY HAPPY IF A DELEGATION FROM YOUR MOVEMENT COULD PARTICIPATE.
I WOULD BE PLEASED IF YOU WOULD LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
THE COMPOSITION OF SUCH A DELEGATION, WHICH WE WILL BE DELIGHTED
TO WELCOME. COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. UNQUOTE

2. ONE OF M. PEYREFITTE'S COLEAGUES IN THE UDR EXPLAINED TO A
MEMBER OF MY STAFF THAT PARTIES FROM A NUMBER OF WESTERN
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE CONGRESS.
THE DELEGATIONS USUALLY CONSIST OF TWO OR THREE PARTY MEMBERS,
INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE PARLIAMENTARIAN. THEY PAY THEIR OWN
TRANSPORTATION BUT ARE USUALLY GUESTS OF THE CONGRESS AS FAR
AS LODGING AND SOME MEALS ARE CONCERNED. IF EITHER PARTY DECIDES
TO SEND A DELEGATION, THE UDR WOULD, OF COURSE, PROVIDE FULL
DETAILS ON HOW THE VISIT WOULD BE ARRANGED. THE VISITORS WOULD
HAVE OBSERVER STATUS AT THE CONGRESS.

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3. ATTENDANCE AT THE CONGRESS WOULD PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICAN POLITICAL LEADERS TO DEVELOP CONTACTS AND EXCHANGE IDEAS WITH MEMBERS OF FRANCE'S MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL PARTY, WHICH COULD PAY DIVIDENDS FOR US RELATIONS WITH FRANCE. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD PASS ON MY VIEWS TO MR. BUSCH AND MR. STRAUSS.IRWIN

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